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Hi Mahri,

Thanks for the map of the Alaska TCs coverage. This will be very useful.

Regarding the Scoping Process, this is the first step in the NEPA/EIS process that is for the public, agencies, tribes, private companies, ngos, etc. to let the Corps know what issues should be analyzed in the scope of the EIS. So everyone is allowed to provide comments to the Corps during the Scoping Process. Scoping is different from the G2G process. G2G consultation is required by the Federal Agency with Federally Recognized Tribes only, and can occur throughout the entire NEPA/EIS process, not just at the Scoping phase. So, Federally Recognized Tribes can provide Scoping comments to the Corps and request G2G consultation.

Regarding the Anchorage meeting on January 22, (b) (6) so it would be great if you and Tami could sit in on the scoping meeting. This will give you an idea of what the Corps will be presenting to the Tribes during the other scoping meetings in the YK area.

Let me know if you have additional questions/comments or please feel free to ask Tami. Thanks

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Mahri Lowinger---01/03/2013 10:40:38 AM---Thanks Mark. Happy New Year to you too!! By the way, I love your new office (you made out on that

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Thanks Mark. Happy New Year to you too!! (b) (6)

The TC's serving Tribes on the Kusko. include myself, Adrienne, Santina and Katherine Brown (in R10). Attached is the chart of Tribes per PO. Thought this might be helpful.

I just printed out the schedule on Donlin's website. However I still feel a bit unaware of the details of the process (I'm a little confused about what the scoping process actually entails and how that differs or is the same as G2G and when that would happen). I apologize if I've asked these questions before, but it just wasn't a reality until now. And I'm not sure if it's best to ask you or Tami.

In looking at the schedule of meetings online I'm also curious about whether we are able to attend the Jan. 22 meeting here in ANC at 6 pm at the library, either to listen in wearing EPA hats or as Joe Citizen?

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Mark Jen---01/03/2013 10:19:14 AM---Hi Mahri, Happy New Year to you! Hope you enjoyed the holidays!

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Hi Mahri,

Happy New Year to you! Hope you enjoyed the holidays!

I have a meeting with managers tomorrow morning to discuss the ARE travel funding for the Donlin Gold Project. Given our current budget situation, I am not certain how much, if any, travel funds will be provided to the Donlin Team to attend the Scoping meetings and/or to conduct a Tribal Mining Training in the YK region this Spring. Since EPA is not the lead agency on this project, our managers may decide that the ARE travel funding priority may be lower. We will see what happens.

In regards to the Scoping comments, since the Corps is the lead on this EIS, it is the lead agency's role to provide Tribes with a briefing on the Donlin Project, which the Corps plans to do at the Scoping meetings and during G2G consultations. EPA is a Cooperating Agency on this project, and we are here to assist the Corps in the development of the EIS. We should encourage the Tribes to work directly with the Corps on the Donlin Project. We will be providing our scoping comments directly to the Corps. The Tribes should also provide their comments directly to the Corps.

I apologize if the ball got dropped. Since I am not familiar with which TCs cover which geographic areas of the State, I asked Tami if should would coordinate with the TCs who's tribes would be affected by the Donlin Project. I will continue to coordinate with Tami to provide updates to the TCs. I hope this is workable with the TCs.

I am working at home today, but if you would like to discuss this further, please drop by tomorrow. Thanks!

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I just came across Georgetown's environmental blog and see that comments are due on the EIS by March 29, 2013.

How come no one here in TTAU was notified? Will we have a briefing soon or any info. to share with Tribes? At the very least, I think the PO's should be aware of this and kept in the loop. Feels like the ball got dropped.

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